

INDEPENDENTS TO MAKE RACE FOR BOARD TOGETHER

Five Free Lances Have Pooled Interests and Will Risk Support on Nonpolitical Basis.

Five candidates for the school board, who announced independently, have decided to pool their interests and make the race as one ticket. Two announcements for the board were made Thursday afternoon. They were Joseph M. Samfield, editor of the Jewish Spectator, and Edward M. Kelly, local insurance man. These, with Mrs. J. J. Ellis, prominent suffrage leader, Mrs. M. M. Cain Brown, former teacher in the schools, and W. N. Page, former state senator, all of whom announced their candidacy some days ago, will constitute the new ticket. At a meeting of the candidates Thursday afternoon a platform, pledging the ticket, if elected, to keep the schools out of politics, to run the schools on a strict budget system and to make merit the yardstick by which all qualifications to teach would be measured, was adopted. They promise entire abstinence from favoritism and partisanship in the selection of the teaching force, as well as all other lines of work which may come before the board. The new ticket wished the public to understand that they were just what their name implied, absolutely independent. Acting in line with this thought, they propose to make the race without any affiliation, whatever, with either of the legislative tickets. They will conduct a lively campaign, but this will be under the auspices of their own campaign committee, now in the course of formation, according to announcement from the candidates, and the cause of the independents will be amply discussed before the public. In connection with their independence, the candidates are calling attention to the fact that the school board operates under a special charter entirely separate and distinct from the city charter, and that it is the original intention of the framers of the charter to have the board unhampered in its work for the good of the children of Memphis by any political or semipolitical government. The platform upon which the ticket will ask the support of the voters follows:

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BANKER ADVISES TAX LAW CHANGES

New York Financier Defends Wall Street Idea of Business.

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"Complete revision of present tax laws so that industry and initiative is not destroyed and business bankrupted."

"Restoration of the price of liberty bonds to more nearly the price at which they were issued."

"Establishment of an intelligent and competent consular service in foreign countries to assist American export trade."

"The passage of anti-secession laws so that those who do not favor our form of government and attempt to agitate the public mind in the direction of violence and disorder can be placed where they can do no harm."

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"The machinery of Wall street has made it possible for everyone, from the financial magnate to the humblest bricklayer, to participate in the earnings and equities of our large enterprises. It is due to this gigantic partnership of the American public that the rapid development of our industries has been made possible."

Obion Man Mourns \$5,000 After Trip With Slick Feller

DECATUR, Ill., Oct. 21.—J. W. Crisswell left Decatur for his home in Obion, Tenn., yesterday after having failed to meet a "J. M. Lawrence, of New York," who was to give him \$5,000 profits on \$5,000 Crisswell said he was invited to Cairo, Ill., by "Lawrence" and there met a man who was supposed to be a millionaire friend of Lawrence who operated on the "international stock exchange." He said he could make Crisswell \$15,000. The next day he showed him credit slips for \$20,000 and asked Crisswell for some evidence of responsibility. Crisswell went to St. Louis and produced \$5,000 in cash. He was given a pleasure trip to Springfield, Mo., and then told him to come to Decatur, and await Mr. Lawrence, who would give him his money. Lawrence did not appear.

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Vice-President Off For Oklahoma

Refreshed by his day's rest in Memphis, Thomas R. Marshall, vice-president of the United States, left Memphis late Thursday night, bound for Oklahoma, where he is due to make four speeches in two days. Mrs. Marshall accompanied the vice-president.

The coming of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall was entirely unannounced, and took Memphis by surprise. After news of the arrival reached the entertainment committee of the Chamber of Commerce, a fitting reception was planned, but was abandoned when the vice-president confided that he was here for one day only.

THOMPSON GETS WORD OF NEW JOB WHILE HERE

When Frederick I. Thompson, publisher and president of the Mobile, Ala., Register and the News-Item, received word of his appointment to the new shipping board created by the merchant marine act, he was in Memphis, visiting his uncle, W. J. Crawford, president of the Commercial Publishing company. Thompson announced that he would accept the appointment, which was made by President Wilson.

RED GUNBOATS OUT.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 22. (By the Associated Press.)—Three Bolshevik gunboats are operating in the Black sea, with their base at Sevastopol. It is also known that two red submarines are in the vicinity of Nicolaieff. British destroyers are on the lookout for all these craft. Eleven United States destroyers soon will be in these waters, but it is said their instructions are such as would prevent interference with Bolshevik war vessels unless they committed acts of piracy or against the laws of humanity.

Every Member Day To Be Observed By Baptists Sunday

Two big services are scheduled for Sunday at the First Baptist church, a rally day for the Sunday school and an "Every Member Day" for the morning church service. An attendance of 1,000 is planned at each service. Forrest Cole, assistant to the

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